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House Votes for Tax Relief for Floridians

Sales Tax Holiday and Homestead Property Tax Exemptions Pass the Florida House

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today the Florida House passed legislation to create tax relief for Florida's families. The bills that unanimously passed the House included a Sales Tax Holiday and a property tax exemption for spouses of fallen first responders.

CS/HB 737 Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions by State Representative Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) establishes a 3 day non-recurring Sales Tax Holiday for the weekend of August 3-5, 2012, exempting from the state sales tax certain clothing priced at \$75 or less (employee uniforms, school clothes) and school supplies with a sales price of \$15 or less.

"Florida families are tightening their belts to endure the current economic climate, and are truly in need of some assistance. This bipartisan tax relief legislation has been presented to the Florida House almost every year under Republican leadership and we are proud to continue this family and business friendly tradition this year," stated Leader Lopez-Cantera.

Lastly, House Bill 95 Homestead Property Tax Exemptions, designated "Fallen Heroes Family Tax Relief Act" by Representative Shawn Harrison (R-Temple Terrace) proposes to grant full homestead property tax exemptions to spouses of first responders who have been killed in the line of duty. This bill would go into effect once House Joint Resolution 93 Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder, which proposes an amendment to the Florida Constitution, has been placed on the November 2012 ballot and is approved by the Florida Voters.

"The surviving spouse of one of our fallen heroes is often left with an uncertain financial future. These Florida families have already paid the heaviest price, and this legislation will help make their economic future more secure," stated Leader Lopez-Cantera.

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